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- Government safety regulators were investigating complaints that throttles can stick on older-model Ford Escape and Mazda Tribute sport utility vehicles and cause them to crash. They said the probe affects 730,000 vehicles, and that they received 99 complaints from owners alleging 13 crashes, 9 injuries, and 1 death. – *Associated Press* (See item [5](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *July 18, Mount Clemens Daily Tribune* – (Michigan) **10,000 without power in Royal Oak, Berkley.** About 10,000 DTE customers in Royal Oak and Berkley, Michigan, were without power July 18 following a fire at an electrical substation in Royal Oak the night of July 17. Power was out for Royal Oak residents and businesses between Woodward and Main Street from Catalpa to Normandy. In Berkley, most customers affected were between Woodward to nearly Greenfield from 12 Mile to 13 Mile roads. Royal Oak firefighters responded to the fire but could not enter the smoke-filled building immediately. “Some transformers were on fire,” said a Royal Oak fire captain. “We were out there for about two hours.” The record-setting 102-degree high temperature — and the demand for electricity to power air conditioners — played a role in the equipment failure, a DTE spokesman said.
Source: <http://www.dailytribune.com/article/20120718/NEWS01/120719649/10-000-without-power-in-royal-oak-berkley>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

2. *July 18, Associated Press* – (International) **Utility takes out Fukushima nuke fuel rods.** A crane removed two rods packed with nuclear fuel from Japan's Fukushima Dai-

Ichi nuclear plant July 18, the beginning of a process to deal with a remaining risk of more radiation escaping from the stricken plant. All of the 1,535 rods next to reactor No. 4 must eventually be removed from a spent-fuel pool to safer storage — an effort expected to take through the end of 2013, according to the Japanese government. The pool's building was destroyed by explosions from the multiple meltdowns that followed a massive earthquake and tsunami in March 2011. The pool is not protected by thick containment vessels like the core fuel in the plant's three other reactors. The plant's operator intends to remove the rods one-by-one to deal with the risk of radiation contamination to surrounding areas.

Source: <http://m.fox16.com/display/682/story/347d4c4fe8231e2146c185956bf00dee>

3. *July 18, Limerick-Royersford-Spring City Patch* – (Pennsylvania) **Unscheduled shutdown at Limerick nuclear plant.** The Unit 1 nuclear reactor at Exelon's Limerick Generating Station in Limerick, Pennsylvania, was shut down July 18 following an electrical fault in a transformer, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said in a statement. The reactor was manually shut down from the power station's control room following the fault, according to the NRC. A NRC spokesman said Exelon declared an "Unusual Event," which is the lowest of four levels of emergency classification. The company said the Unit 1 plant will remain offline until repairs, testing, and inspections are complete. The generating station's other reactor, Unit 2, continued to operate at full power.

Source: <http://limerick.patch.com/articles/unscheduled-shutdown-at-nuclear-plant-7b4d5400>

4. *July 17, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **Nine Mile Point Unit 1 shuts down.** The Nine Mile Point Unit 1 reactor in Scriba, New York, shut down automatically July 17 due to a high neutron flux in the plant's reactor. Officials with Constellation Energy Nuclear Group, the plant's owner, originally thought the turbine that spins to make electricity had tripped. But the Nuclear Regulatory Commission later said the shutdown was due to a neutron flux. All plant safety systems responded as designed and there were no complications.

Source:

http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2012/07/nine_mile_point_unit_1_shuts_d.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *July 18, Associated Press* – (National) **Feds probe Ford Escapes for sticky throttles.** Government safety regulators were investigating complaints that throttles can stick on older-model Ford Escape and Mazda Tribute sport utility vehicles (SUV) and cause them to crash, the Associated Press reported July 18. The probe by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration affects 730,000 SUVs from the 2001 to 2004 model years that are powered by V-6 engines. The safety agency said it has received 99 complaints from owners of the SUVs alleging 13 crashes, 9 injuries, and 1 death caused by the problem. The throttles on the SUVs can fail to return to idle when the driver

takes his foot off the gas pedal, according to agency documents. Sixty-eight of the complaints were about the Escape, and 31 involved the Tribute, a nearly identical vehicle made by Ford for Mazda. Investigators are looking into whether the sticky throttles could have been caused by repairs made as part of a 2004 recall of the same vehicles. About 590,000 of the vehicles were recalled in December of 2004 to fix an accelerator cable defect, and the documents said the repairs could have damaged the cruise control cable.

Source: <http://www.manufacturing.net/news/2012/07/feds-probe-ford-escapes-for-sticky-throttles>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

6. *July 18, Softpedia* – (International) **SMS, email, and phone call floods used by fraudsters to hide illegal money transfers.** Cybercriminals have come up with a new way of ensuring banks can not alert customers when fraudulent high-value transactions are taking place using mass emails, mass SMSs, and phone call floods, Softpedia reported July 18. When a bank requests confirmation of an unusual transfer via SMS, phone call, or email, cybercriminals will block those lines of communication by flooding them with spam messages. For instance, if the bank usually sends the confirmation notice via email, the crooks would flood the victim's email address with thousands of emails, making it almost impossible to find the one important message. Krebs On Security stumbled upon a number of tools – advertised on underground forums – that could easily perform these tasks. Prices for such tools were found to be low. For instance, for flooding a single email account with 25,000 emails, the customer pays \$25. For one day of flooding one phone number – service available for any country and any operator – the price was \$20. Mass SMS sending was even cheaper. For the price of \$5 fraudsters can send 100 text messages.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/SMS-Email-and-Phone-Call-Floods-Used-by-Fraudsters-to-Hide-Illegal-Money-Transfers-281882.shtml>

7. *July 17, Fresno Bee* – (California) **Fresno's 'Smelly Bandit' pleads no contest in bank robberies.** A man dubbed by police as the "Smelly Bandit" pleaded no contest July 17 in Fresno County Superior Court to robbing five banks and a Subway sandwich shop in Fresno and Clovis, California. Police said more than \$15,000 was taken in the five bank robberies between January 6 and April 23. The man also admitted to robbing a Subway sandwich shop in 2011. The man would hand a note to the bank teller and demand money during the robberies. He was alleged to have used a knife to rob the

sandwich shop.

Source: <http://www.fresnobee.com/2012/07/17/2912197/fresnos-smelly-bandit-pleads-no.html>

8. *July 17, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Illinois) **Alton man commits bank fraud and pleads guilty in check kiting scheme.** An Alton, Illinois man pleaded guilty in federal court in Illinois, July 16 to one-count of bank fraud by engaging in a check kiting scheme that cost two lenders \$212,423. The man admitted that while he was serving as president of two companies, Topflight Logistics Inc. and TFFV Trucking LLC, he engaged in a check kiting scheme through which he cross-deposited 208 checks between accounts for each firm. He admitted that he was responsible for managing the financial records of Topflight Logistics and TFFV Trucking when he cross-deposited the 208 checks totaling \$2,186,214.75. The scheme resulted in a total loss of \$212,423.14 to the two financial institutions involved.
Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/alton-man-commits-bank-fraud-pleads-guilty-in-check-kiting-scheme>
9. *July 17, Long Island Newsday* – (New York) **LI man charged in alleged \$7.5 million mortgage scam.** An Old Westbury, New York man was charged with running a \$7.5 million mortgage scam, prosecutors said July 17. He was arrested July 16 along with a co-conspirator. They each were charged with conspiracy to commit wire, bank, and mail fraud, and two counts of conspiracy to make false statements. Prosecutors said that from 2007 until October 2010, the man ran a real estate brokerage in Queens known as Buy-a-Home LLC or First Home Brokerage, where he hired the co-conspirator as a sales manager. The pair recruited buyers to purchase homes at prices that were inflated by \$100,000 above the original sales price. The duo improperly funneled money to the buyers to make it appear they could qualify for loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). The co-conspirators allegedly defrauded the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development into issuing \$7.5 million in loans that were then purchased by banks. In addition, many homes went into foreclosure, forcing FHA to make nearly \$1 million in insurance payments.
Source: <http://www.newsday.com/business/inside-long-island-business-1.811933/li-man-charged-in-alleged-7-5-million-mortgage-scam-1.3844241>
10. *July 17, Chicago Sun-Times Media Wire* – (Illinois) **‘Skimmers’ targeted credit-card users from Wrigley Field to Mag Mile.** A Chicago man pleaded guilty July 17 to organizing an ATM skimming ring that stole more than \$200,000 from diners using bank or credit cards at restaurants and attractions across the city, including Wrigley Field baseball stadium. The man pleaded guilty to felony conspiracy to commit a financial crime, according to the Illinois attorney general’s office. He paid employees of the restaurants and eateries to skim customer credit card information using a small card reader, prosecutors said. Employees would swipe customers’ cards, giving him access to account information, with which he created counterfeit credit cards and made phony purchases. Compromised in the scheme were accounts from Chase, U.S. Bank, Citibank, Harris Bank, American Express, Bank of America, and Fifth Third Bank, all of which assisted in the investigation and notified potential victims.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/13837177-418/skimmers-targeted-credit-card-users-from-wrigley-field-to-mag-mile.html>

11. *July 17, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **'Baseball Babe Bandit' sought in bank heists.** FBI officials were searching for a woman they suspect was involved in multiple bank robberies in Mesa, Arizona, the Arizona Republic reported July 17. Officials dubbed her the "Baseball Babe Bandit." She usually wears a baseball style hat with latex gloves. During the incidents, the woman hands the teller a demand note and threatens bank employees. After receiving money, she has been seen leaving on a bicycle, officials said. The woman is believed to have robbed a Compass Bank March 27, another Compass Bank April 27, and a Bank of America June 28.

Source: <http://tucsoncitizen.com/arizona-news/2012/07/17/baseball-babe-bandit-sought-in-bank-heists/>

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Transportation Sector

12. *July 18, NBC News* – (Utah) **Feds: Murder suspect tries to steal plane, crashes, then kills self.** A murder suspect from Colorado Springs, Colorado, attempted to hot-wire a SkyWest Airlines regional jet at the airport in St. George, Utah, overnight, then crashed it into a fence before killing himself, federal law enforcement authorities said July 17. A pilot on leave from the regional carrier broke into the plane, which was parked at the airport in southwest Utah, authorities said. He got the plane started but clipped a wing before he got airborne and crashed into a fence. He then shot himself dead, authorities said. SkyWest said it was investigating how the man was able to gain access to the plane, which was sitting on the ramp at the St. George airport. Airport security and perimeter is the responsibility of the airport and local police, but must be approved by the federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA). The TSA said commercial airplane doors are not locked when parked.

Source: <http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/07/17/12793149-feds-murder-suspect-tries-to-steal-plane-crashes-then-kills-self?lite>

13. *July 18, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Highway 99 completely open after early morning flooding.** Highway 99 in South Sacramento, California, re-opened after being shut down for about 4 hours July 18 due to a water main break. A California Highway Patrol officer said a pipe burst at Franklin and 13th Avenue, releasing about 200,000 gallons of water before city crews could shut off the flow. Eventually, northbound and southbound lanes between 12th Avenue and Fruitridge Road had to be closed due to flooding. Traffic backed up behind pooled water on the highway, and a detour around the watery mess was established on surface streets. A city department of utilities spokeswoman said some residents reported low pressure and a few were without water. For those who are without service, crews worked to tap into water from another source to supply those homes.

Source: <http://blogs.sacbee.com/crime/archives/2012/07/highway-99-in-south-sacramento-closed-due-to-flooding.html>

14. *July 18, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Fuel tanker overturns on I-4, closing lanes.** The eastbound lanes of Florida's main east-west corridor shut down because a fuel tanker overturned in Lakeland, Florida, July 18. The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) said a tanker truck lost control and crashed into a guardrail on Interstate 4. The truck was carrying 8,700 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel, and officials said 1,100 gallons or more leaked onto the road. FHP said the driver received minor injuries and was taken to a hospital. Eastbound lanes of I-4 were expected to be closed for hours. All eastbound traffic was diverted onto Memorial Boulevard and motorists were encouraged to utilize the Polk Parkway (SR-570) or other roadways to avoid the area while HAZMAT and clean-up crews continued to clear the roadway.
Source: http://www.veartv.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.fl/2d472cfd-www.veartv.com.shtml
15. *July 17, Newsday* – (New York) **FAA probes JetBlue laser incident over Suffolk.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) began investigating the pointing of a laser into the cockpit of a JetBlue Airways flight over Suffolk County, New York, July 15 that caused vision problems for a first officer as the plane descended into New York's John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport, officials said. An FAA spokesman said the pilots flying JetBlue Flight 657 reported seeing a green laser light. The FAA notified law enforcement officials, and the FBI joined the investigation, an FAA spokesman said. Suffolk County police confirmed they received a report about the laser incident, and a police helicopter was sent to the area of Long Island MacArthur Airport in Ronkonkoma but could not find the person responsible. According to LiveATC.net, a Web site that posts communications between air traffic controllers and pilots, the captain of Flight 657 was flying at about 5,000 feet heading for JFK when he reported the laser incident to FAA controllers. "The aircraft, an Embraer E190 with 80 customers, was not impacted and landed uneventfully," JetBlue said in a statement.
Source: <http://www.newsday.com/long-island/suffolk/faa-probes-jetblue-laser-incident-over-suffolk-1.3843281?qr=1>
16. *July 17, Billings Gazette* – (Montana) **BNSF freight train derails in northeast Montana.** A BNSF Railway official said a freight train headed from Chicago to Portland, Oregon, derailed in a remote part of northeast Montana, July 17. He said the derailment happened on the Hi-Line route 20 miles east of Glasgow, between Nashua and Frazer. The four-locomotive, 57-car train on the single mainline track went off the rails near Kintyre, leaving 17 cars carrying general merchandise in disarray. "The containers were transporting everything from A to Z," the spokesman said. "Frozen food products, rubber materials and tissue paper, to name a few." Train traffic was held and rail officials were assessing the possibility of rerouting other trains, the spokesman said. The line is the busiest route in Montana, operating 30-plus trains daily.
Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/bnsf-cargo-train-derails-in-northeast-montana/article_59ecfe0b-a95d-55d5-a87c-4d22ba7fd492.html
17. *July 17, Chicago Tribune* – (National) **Glitch takes United site down for 1.5 hours.** United Airlines took down its Web site for about 90 minutes July 17 to resolve a technical error that was preventing some customers from booking flights and managing reservations, the Chicago Tribune reported July 17. The Web site went offline from late

morning into early afternoon said a United spokesman. He said the error was causing some visitors to get timed out when they tried to complete transactions. Initially, a message was posted that said the Web site was being updated, but it was later changed to an apology for technical difficulties. The spokesman said the first message about the Web site updates was an outdated one from March, when United converted to a new reservation system. The July 17 technical error has been fixed and the Web site is functioning normally, he said.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/breaking/chi-glitch-takes-united-site-down-for-15-hours-20120717,0,3989165.story>

18. *July 16, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Charleroi locks closed on Monongahela River through Aug. 3 for repairs of valves.** The locks on the Monongahela River near Charleroi, Pennsylvania, will close through August 3, meaning cargo barges and pleasure boaters will not be able to pass through the river at that point, about 20 miles south of Pittsburgh. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said the chamber of Lock No. 4 would be drained starting July 23 so crews could fix the miter gate sills, the filling valves, and related machinery.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/aa62b2b0c52b4edea7c5ff6f50731988/PA--Monongahela-Lock-Closing>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *July 18, NBC News* – (Montana; Colorado) **Missed cantaloupe listeria strain tied to man's death; new crop in stores.** A previously unidentified strain of listeria from the 2011 deadly cantaloupe outbreak was linked to the death of a Montana man, NBC News reported July 18. The new strain was collected from cut cantaloupe in a home refrigerator in September 2011, at the start of the listeria outbreak that eventually sickened 146 people and led to at least 30 deaths and one miscarriage. However, Colorado health officials did not send the sample to federal officials for 10 months because it did not match strains from any known victims in that State. When they did send it to the federal PulseNet monitoring program in June, it turned out to be identical to a rare strain of listeria detected in a Montana victim who died in January. That increases the number of strains in the 28-State outbreak to 5, up from the 4 strains responsible for most of the illnesses, said an epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It also adds the man to the CDC's roster of cases, bringing the tally to 147, though it is not yet clear whether his death can be counted in

the total.

Source: http://vitals.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/07/17/12794988-missed-cantaloupe-listeria-strain-tied-to-mans-death-new-crop-in-stores?lite&_utma=14933801.1290672222.1342454516.1342538156.1342619832.5&_utmb=14933801.1.10.1342619832&_utmc=14933801&_utmx=-&_utm

20. *July 18, NBC News; Reuters* – (California) **Logging company to pay record \$122.5M in damages over 2007 California wildfire.** Logging company Sierra Pacific Industries agreed to pay the United States \$122.5 million in damages to settle a lawsuit over a 2007 wildfire that was among the most devastating in California history, the Department of Justice said July 17. The settlement is the largest ever received by the United States for damages caused by a wildfire, the so-called Moonlight Fire that charred 65,000 acres in September 2007. The fire was sparked by employees of the logging company and a contractor who struck a rock with a bulldozer, prosecutors said, sending sparks into the dry ground on a day the National Weather Service had issued a red flag warning, indicating a high fire danger. The smoldering fire went unnoticed because employees skipped a company-required fire patrol, prosecutors said. Sierra Pacific Industries denied responsibility for the fire. The settlement will include a \$55 million cash payment and 22,500 acres of land in California owned by Sierra Pacific. The U.S. Forest Service will choose the land, which prosecutors said would bridge gaps between existing national forests and would support critical watersheds and sensitive species habitats. The Moonlight Fire killed more than 15 million trees on public land, some of which were more than 400 years old. It also destroyed thousands of acres inhabited by sensitive species including the California spotted owl.
Source: http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/07/18/12804544-logging-company-to-pay-record-1225m-in-damages-over-2007-california-wildfire?lite
21. *July 17, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Missouri drought: All counties declared disaster areas.** The Missouri drought conditions led the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) secretary to designate all 114 counties as primary natural disaster areas, following a request by the Missouri governor, KSDK 5 St. Louis reported July 17. A disaster designation allows eligible farmers to be considered for assistance from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), including FSA emergency loans. All of the counties are also eligible for emergency 24-hour approvals of low-interest Missouri Linked Deposit Program loans in response to the drought. Missouri also has a hay directory for livestock producers as well as other information and resources online.
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/328583/3/All-Missouri-counties-declared-disaster-areas>
22. *July 17, KCAU 9 Sioux City* – (South Dakota) **South Dakota governor activates State Drought Task Force.** South Dakota's governor activated the State Drought Task Force July 17, to monitor worsening drought conditions across much of the State. The group will coordinate the exchange of drought information among government agencies and agriculture, fire, and water-supply organizations. The information exchange is the key to monitoring the development and seriousness of the drought. The task force will also monitor the impact of drought on economic sectors of the State. Officials with the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, the State Office of Emergency Management,

and South Dakota State University Cooperative Extension Service have been tracking drought conditions for several weeks. In addition, those agencies have worked with local officials and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency on the agricultural disaster declaration process, including pursuit of options to allow haying and grazing on land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program.

Source: <http://www.kcautv.com/story/19049820/south-dakota-governor-dennis-daugaard-activates-state-drought-task-force>

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Water Sector

23. *July 18, East Liverpool Review* – (Ohio) **City works on improving infrastructure.** A 6-inch main service line break July 16 in Chester Township, Ohio, spilled 550,000 gallons of water into the street and took the city's water and street departments hours to repair. Officials considered ways to improve the city's aging infrastructure at a council meeting, July 16. Crews had to dig a ditch about 12 feet long and 5 feet deep to find the source of the break, a 2nd Ward Councilman said. "The storm sewers are way inadequate for what we have now," another councilman said. "We have a problem citywide with infrastructure. It's an antiquated system that can't handle the water anymore." The break caused a temporary loss of water pressure for residents in the neighborhood.

Source: <http://www.reviewonline.com/page/content.detail/id/557812/City-works-on-improving-infrastructure.html?nav=5008>

24. *July 17, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Tennessee) **U.S. and Tennessee announce Clean Water Act agreement with the city of Chattanooga.** The U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General announced a comprehensive Clean Water Act settlement with the city of Chattanooga July 17. The city agreed to pay a \$476,400 civil penalty and make an estimated \$250 million in improvements to sewer systems to eliminate unauthorized overflows of untreated raw sewage. Chattanooga also agreed to implement a green infrastructure plan and complete an \$800,000 stream restoration project to restore the stream, stabilize the banks of a tributary of the South Chickamauga Creek, and eliminate a significant source of sediment and solids to the creek.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2012/July/12-enrd-879.html>

25. *July 17, Associated Press; WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Entire state under water shortage warning.** The Indiana Department of Homeland Security extended a water shortage warning to all 92 counties July 17 after placing less than half the state in that category a week ago. State officials asked for voluntary water conservation, specifically asking high-volume users to reduce the volume they use by 10-15 percent. If conditions worsen, the governor could declare an emergency and put mandatory rules into place. In central Indiana, Citizens Water draws from three reservoirs, all of which are down from their usual levels at this time of year. Morse Reservoir is down nearly 6 feet, Geist Reservoir and Eagle Creek are both nearly 2 feet below normal. Citizens said it will

increase filtration at its Fall Creek treatment plant, which will enable it to reduce the amount being drawn from Morse Reservoir for its White River treatment plant.

Source: <http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/indiana/entire-state-under-water-shortage-warning>

26. *July 17, Western Springs Patch* – (Illinois) **Five water main breaks over the past weekend.** Western Springs Public Works in Western Springs, Illinois, was busy repairing five water main leaks or breaks the weekend of July 14, the latest in a spring and summer that has seen nearly unprecedented frequency of such breaks. The Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators reported two breaks in Field Park, two in Ridgewood, and one in Old Town North. The public works department repaired all of the breaks. “We think [the breaks] are due to the dry conditions and the hot weather,” a trustee said July 16. The director of municipal services noted that neighboring communities were seeing similarly elevated numbers of water-main breaks in 2012. Source: <http://westernsprings.patch.com/articles/five-water-main-breaks-over-past-weekend>

27. *July 17, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio) **Water works employee fired, indicted.** A Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) chemist was indicted by a grand jury in Ohio, July 17 for theft in office, and 16 counts of tampering with records after officials said he abdicated his job of checking water quality. The charges carry a maximum prison sentence of 49.5 years. The man was on a weekend rotation of chemists. Part of their job was to visit several areas, gather a water sample, and test it, serving as a backup to the utility’s computer system that also does water quality testing. Those results are delivered to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency as part of a monthly report on water supplied to GCWW. The man, who was fired in February after the allegations surfaced, did not go to the areas. He also falsified documents to show he did, the indictment alleges. The theft in office charge comes from allegedly falsifying his time sheet to show he was working on weekend shifts when he was not. The man was caught because some of the facilities he was supposed to go to for water quality testing require cards to be swiped to gain access. When officials became suspicious, they checked and determined the man did not go to the facilities when he said he did. The utility provides more than 133 millions of gallons of water daily to users in Hamilton, Butler, and Warren counties in Ohio and Boone County, Kentucky. It tests the water 600 times per day.

Source: <http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20120717/NEWS0107/307170055/Water-Works-employee-fired-indicted?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

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Government Facilities Sector

28. *July 18, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Police investigate bomb threat on Georgia Military College campus.** The Fairburn Police Department was investigating a bomb threat made July 17 against the Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Georgia. After someone called 9-1-1 from Union City to say there was a bomb on campus, a police officer and his K-9 spent the night patrolling the campus. Students were evacuated from part of the campus while police investigated. Police shut down West Broad Street near the campus for 3 hours. Investigators said they also shut down the CSX line nearby along with the MARTA bus route that goes near the campus. A nearby car dealer said his business had to be shut down, costing them business. School officials said July 17 was the first day of finals for the summer semester. One student said he thinks a student with test anxiety could have been behind the threat. Police said nothing was found.
Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/police-investigate-bomb-threat-georgia-military-co/nPxKX/>
29. *July 18, Softpedia* – (Connecticut) **1,200 usernames, passwords leaked from Yale University.** The newly founded hacker collective NullCrew obtained the details of about 1,200 students and staff members of Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, Softpedia reported July 18. “This release merely had a reason other than to prove that nothing is secure. In fact, the governmental and educational sites are the least secure in the experience we've had with .edu and .gov websites,” the hackers wrote next to the data dump. NullCrew claimed the database they gained access to contains even more sensitive information such as Social Security numbers, but they only published usernames, passwords, and email addresses.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/1-200-Usernames-Passwords-Leaked-from-Yale-University-281841.shtml>

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30. *July 17, Chadron Record* – (Nebraska) **Cut cable causes 911 outage across area.** Areas of the northern Panhandle were temporarily without 9-1-1 service July 16 after a fiber optics cable was accidentally severed, the Chadron Record reported July 17. Landline 9-1-1 service was unavailable in parts of Dawes and Sioux County, Nebraska, throughout the evening, and some individuals found that attempts to call 9-1-1 using their cell phones were unsuccessful. Century Link, which owns the cable that was cut, initiated an alternative plan, re-routing 9-1-1 calls to local fire departments. Fire halls in Crawford and Harrison were staffed with personnel to answer the calls and contact the dispatch center through radio communications. People in the Chadron area were asked to call the Chadron Police Department’s non-emergency number to report emergency situations. Service was restored by early July 17, and all systems were once again functioning as normal.

Source: http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/communities/chadron/cut-cable-causes-outage-across-area/article_ab83dab8-d02f-11e1-b179-001a4bcf887a.html

31. *July 17, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Redwood City police use video-text chat.** A new pilot program — the first in the nation, the department said — that allows residents to chat with an officer online to deal with anything except a life-threatening emergency, has debuted in Redwood City, California, the San Francisco Chronicle reported July 17. "The beauty of this program is that residents could do this from their homes, from school, from work, anywhere that they have a laptop or desktop with something as simple as a camera on it," said the police chief, who came up with the idea. Anyone, not just Redwood City residents, can chat with an officer, and they can do so by audio, video, or via texts on a computer screen. The chats are not recorded, and users cannot be traced. The program is usually in session from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The department plans to expand the program to weekends and evenings and could add bilingual officers if there is a need, police said.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/Redwood-City-police-use-video-text-chat-3714948.php>

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Information Technology Sector

32. *July 18, H Security* – (International) **Critical holes closed in Firefox, Thunderbird and SeaMonkey.** Following the latest round of updates to its suite of Internet applications, Mozilla detailed all of the security fixes in the new versions of its Firefox Web browser, Thunderbird news and email client, and the SeaMonkey "all-in-one internet application suite." As they are all based on the same Gecko platform, version 14.0 of Firefox and Thunderbird, and version 2.11 of SeaMonkey close a number of the same security holes, some of which are rated as "Critical" by the project; updates were also published for the "enterprise" versions of Firefox and Thunderbird to address these issues. According to Mozilla, some of these vulnerabilities could be exploited remotely by an attacker to, for example, execute arbitrary code on a victim's system.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Critical-holes-closed-in-Firefox-Thunderbird-and-SeaMonkey-1644530.html>

33. *July 18, Help Net Security* – (International) **Android malware is booming.** Trend Micro's January prediction that 11,000 pieces of Android malware will be detected by June of 2012 proved completely inaccurate, as the number of malicious applications in the wild for Google's mobile operating system exploded and now is at more than 25,000. Forty-eight percent of these malicious apps are premium service abusers, followed by 22 percent that are adware, and 21 percent that are data stealers. Malicious downloaders are offered in 19 percent of cases, while rooters, click fraudsters, and spying tools are at the bottom of the ladder. The apps are pushed onto users through third-party online stores and even the official Google Play app store. Usually, they masquerade as legitimate and popular software such as Angry Birds, Skype, and

Instagram. This unexpected boom in Android malware made the researchers revise their expectations — they believe there may be a total of 129,000 different malicious apps by the end of 2012.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2192&utm

34. *July 18, CSO* – (International) **Android malware steals location data from mobile devices.** BitDefender Labs discovered Android malware that regularly broadcasts the location of the infected mobile device to a remote server. What the malware creators intend to do with the privacy-invading information is unclear. The application operates in the background and appears on the smartphone or tablet as an icon with the word "store" written on it. The store icon is apparently meant to fool the device user into thinking that it is only an e-commerce app, according to Bitdefender. In actuality, the malware broadcasts latitude and longitude of the device, as well as the name of the wireless carrier. It also attempts to enable the device's Wi-Fi connection and scan for access points. All of the data is transmitted to the remote server via the device's Internet connection. The spyware has no user interface and transmits location information every few seconds. Because the malware runs so effectively in the background, Bitdefender believes it will eventually be bundled with other apps.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9229328/Android_malware_steals_location_data_from_mobile_devices

35. *July 18, H Security* – (International) **Oracle's July patch day brings 87 security updates.** In its planned July Critical Patch Update (CPU), Oracle released 87 security updates to fix various vulnerabilities across many product families. The updates affect products including Oracle Fusion Middleware 11g, Oracle Database 10g and 11g, and MySQL. One of the holes was given the highest possible CVSS score of 10.0; it was closed in the JRockit Java Virtual Machine, which is part of Oracle Fusion. Holes were also closed in other Fusion components including Enterprise Manager for Fusion Middleware, Oracle HTTP Server, MapViewer, Outside In Technology, and Portal. The vulnerabilities that affect the Database Server were fixed in the Enterprise Manager for Oracle Database, in Core RDBMS, and in the network layer. Here, the highest CVSS score is 6.8; none of the holes in MySQL exceed this rating either. The company released security updates for Oracle Siebel CRM, Enterprise Manager Grid Control 10g and 11g, Hyperion BI+, Solaris, Solaris Cluster, the SPARC T-Series, the Glassfish Enterprise Server, and the Oracle iPlanet Web Server. Many of the closed holes can be exploited by remote attackers without authentication. Java is not affected by this CPU, as Oracle is planning to provide the next Java update with its October CPU.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Oracle-s-July-patch-day-brings-87-security-updates-1644934.html>

36. *July 17, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Spammers target Dropbox users.** July 17, users had difficulty logging into Dropbox, the online file storage service. The outages came amid reports that many European Dropbox users were being blasted with spam for online casinos, suggesting some kind of leak of Dropbox user email addresses. The trouble began earlier July 17, when users on Dropbox support forums began

complaining of suddenly receiving spam at email addresses they created specifically for use with Dropbox. Various users in Germany, the Netherlands, and United Kingdom reported receiving junk email touting online gambling sites. At around 3 p.m. ET, the company's service went down in a rare outage, blocking users from logging into and accessing their files and displaying an error message on dropbox.com.

Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2012/07/spammers-target-dropbox-users/>

37. *July 17, Threatpost* – (International) **Malware tied to Blackhole exploit kit appears as Facebook tag alert.** SophosLabs discovered malware infecting machines by getting users to open a malicious link in a fake Facebook email notification. Everything looks legitimate about the alert with one exception: the domain name for the sender's URL is Faceboook(dot)com, not Facebook.com. "If you click on the link in the email, you are not taken immediately to the real Facebook website," said a Sophos researcher. "Instead, your browser is taken to a website hosting some malicious iFrame script (which takes advantage of the Blackhole exploit kit, and puts your computer at risk of infection by malware)." Those who click the "See Photo" button in the email are taken to the malicious site and before they can react, their browser redirects them to a random, unknowing person's Facebook page and not the page of the person who supposedly sent the email. Sophos said the malicious code is Troj/JSRedir-HW. Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/malware-tied-blackhole-exploit-kit-appears-facebook-tag-alert-071712

38. *July 17, Dark Reading* – (International) **'Waldo' finds ways to abuse HTML5 WebSockets.** HTML 5's WebSocket feature is susceptible to a wide range of abuses by attackers, as researchers will demonstrate the week of July 23 at the Black Hat USA conference. In particular, two researchers will release a hacking tool called Waldo for researchers to test for WebSocket vulnerabilities and potential attack vectors. WebSocket is a faster, more efficient way for browsers and Web servers to communicate (bi-directionally); it supports real-time applications such as customer-support chat features and online gaming, for example. Most major browsers support it. The problem is that current firewalls, next-generation firewalls, unified threat management (UTM), and IDS/IPS products are not WebSocket-aware, the researchers say. In other words, they cannot detect WebSocket traffic. Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/advanced-threats/167901091/security/application-security/240003877/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

39. *July 18, WCBS 2 New York* – (New York) **Dozens injured in six-alarm Bronx blaze near Yankee Stadium.** Thirty individuals, 28 firefighters, and 2 civilians, suffered minor injuries while involved with a 6-alarm fire in New York City. The fire began July 18 at a building near Yankee Stadium in the Bronx. The entire building was evacuated as crews worked to contain the fire, which broke out in the back of the building on the sixth floor. More than 200 firefighters responded. The historic building was part of the Grand Concourse Preservation Society. The fire chief said about a third of the 180 units are not livable. The Red Cross has been helping displaced residents with food and shelter at All Hallows High School.
Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2012/07/18/dozens-injured-in-six-alarm-bronx-blaze-near-yankee-stadium/>
40. *July 18, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Comerica Park searched during Tigers game after bomb threat made.** July 17, Comerica Park became the latest target in a series of bomb threats at high-profile landmarks in Detroit, police said. Someone called 9-1-1 and said there was a bomb at the baseball stadium, where the Detroit Tigers were playing the Los Angeles Angels in a Major League Baseball game, said a Detroit Police Department spokeswoman. There were no evacuations, and police gave the all clear later July 17, she said. An inspector with Homeland Security, along with other police and park security, searched Comerica, but no suspicious device was found. Authorities also received a bomb threat July 16 that shut down the Ambassador Bridge for 5 hours. It was the second threat involving an international border crossing in less than a week. July 12, a similar scare closed the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. July 17, the police chief said officers have "promising leads" in the bomb threat July 16 that shut down the Ambassador Bridge. Detroit police said a male caller phoned 9-1-1 from Detroit July 16 with a bomb threat. Truck traffic to the bridge backed up for miles during the search by air, water, and ground. The Detroit International Bridge Company said bridge operations resumed July 17.
Source:
<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120718/METRO01/207180369/1004/sports/Comerica-Park-searched-during-Tigers-game-after-bomb-threat-made>
41. *July 18, St. Louis American* – (Missouri) **Five-alarm fire engulfs Midtown apartment building.** Nearly 100 people were displaced after a fire at a four-story apartment building near Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, July 17. Preliminary estimates suggested 120 to 130 of the units were heavily damaged by fire, smoke, and water. Another 20 units were destroyed after a portion of the multi-story building collapsed. One hundred people were evacuated from the 197-unit building.

Source: http://www.stlamerican.com/news/local_news/article_589b4bc0-d0d3-11e1-8215-0019bb2963f4.html

42. *July 18, KMSP 9 Eden Prairie* – (Minnesota) **Explosive device found, detonated near Milaca, Minn., shopping center.** Police investigated an explosive device near a shopping center in Milaca, Minnesota. The device, a bomb containing nails, gun powder, and kerosene, was discovered during a traffic stop July 17. The suspect was pulled over twice and a K-9 officer was called to search the vehicle after the suspect was pulled over the second time and gave his consent. In the search, police found an explosive device and possible burglary tools. The suspect was then taken into custody. The Minnesota State Patrol, along with three other law enforcement agencies, closed off the street after employees of Thrivent Financial, Maple Ridge Mall, Dairy Queen, Barbara Jean's, Holiday, and Subway were informed that a bomb threat had been made. Officers evacuated the area. The area was reopened after about 5 hours. The Mille Lacs County sheriff said the suspect apparently intended to attempt suicide by using the explosive device inside his vehicle, but it is unknown where he likely would have struck.

Source: <http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/story/19045400/car-bomb-threat-at-dairy-queen-in-milaca-minn>

43. *July 18, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Firefighter injured in church fire.** Fire officials said a large fire collapsed parts of the roof of a church in Edgerton, Ohio, and injured one firefighter. The fire happened July 17 at Emanuel United Methodist Church. The Edgerton fire chief said firefighters first found heavy smoke coming from the steeple and high parts of the church. He said it is possible a lightning strike was to blame. He said one firefighter was struck in the head by a piece of the roof when parts of it collapsed. The firefighter was taken to a hospital as a precaution. Dozens of firefighters from 15 departments helped put out the fire.

Source:

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20120718/LOCAL07/120719526/1043/LOCAL07>

44. *July 18, Chattanooga Times Free Press* – (Tennessee) **Chattanooga: Lightning strikes likely cause of several fires.** Firefighters in Chattanooga, Tennessee, responded with six fire companies to a commercial fire at Lectrus Inc. July 17. Flames had burned through the roof of the large, metal building when the first firefighters arrived. After about an hour, most of the fire had been brought under control. The fire damage to the building and its contents was extensive. The fire department spokesman said one firefighter was treated on the scene for heat exhaustion. All of the employees in the building had made it out safely when the fire was discovered. The building was used mostly for storage and maintenance.

Source: <http://timesfreepress.com/news/2012/jul/18/chattanooga-lightning-strikes-likely-cause-several/>

45. *July 17, New York City Gothamist* – (New York) **Police use pepper spray to stop McCarren Park pool fight.** Police required backup to deal with a fight at the McCarren Park pool in Brooklyn, New York, July 17. Like the incident the day after

the pool opened in June, a fight between pool goers and authority figures broke out over backflips into the pool. At least three people were arrested, one for assaulting a police officer, and two for disorderly conduct. The pool's lifeguards closed the pool due to "an unruly crowd of between 10-20 [who] were told numerous times to stop doing back flips and throwing people into the air." Three other incidents have occurred at the pool over the summer; lifeguards were attacked June 29, police officers were attacked July 2, and pool-goers' locked lockers have been broken into.

Source: http://gothamist.com/2012/07/17/police_use_pepper_spray_to_stop_mcc.php

46. *July 17, WUWM 89.7 FM Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **East Side fire displaces auto shop and artists, challenges firefighters.** Firefighters in Milwaukee worked in rotations to fight a five-alarm fire at an auto repair shop in the city's Riverwest neighborhood. The fire at Joe's East Coast Car Shop was reported July 17. The building also contained 20 artist studios and galleries, their works were a total loss. The day's extreme heat resulted in at least two firefighters needing treatment for heat exhaustion. WE Energies cut power to nearby lines to protect crews, which resulted in a loss of power for about 4,000 customers during hot temperatures.

Source: http://www.wuwm.com/news/wuwm_news.php?articleid=10795

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

47. *July 18, Eureka Times-Standard* – (California) **Flat Fire at 100-percent containment.** The Trinity County, California Flat Fire was 100 percent contained by July 17, and fire officials said they would lift road restrictions on State Route 299 July 18. The fire had burned 1,688 acres and cost about \$3.2 million to fight, according to a Consumnes Community Services District fire captain and incident spokesman. No buildings were damaged, he said.

Source: <http://www.fireengineering.com/news/2012/07/18/update-flat-fire-at-100-percent-containment.html>

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Dams Sector

48. *July 18, Thibodaux Daily Comet* – (Louisiana) **Chauvin to get levee improvements.** Little Caillou in Chauvin, Louisiana, moved forward with plans to raise the Ward 7 levee from 8 feet to 10 feet, the Thibodaux Daily Comet reported July 18. According to officials, low spots in the levee in 2008 allowed Hurricane Ike's waters to overtop and breach the levee. An extra 2 feet would have prevented that flooding, said the Terrebonne Capital projects administrator. Terrebonne Parish plans to spend \$14.3 million raising the entire 12.5-mile levee to 10 feet. The project will be

divided into three phases, with work beginning in the next few months on the northern end of the levee. The parish is also preparing to bid out a project to fill in the canal behind the levee at Boudreaux Canal to give the barrier more stability. The Ward 7 levee has undergone major renovations since hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, and Gustav and Ike in 2008. Parish officials recently finished lifting the entire span of the levee to 8 feet and had to repair the Lashbrook pump station damaged by Hurricane Ike. In Dularge, the parish was preparing to acquire land rights for a levee along the eastern side of the community, which suffered flooding from the Houma Navigation Canal. The levees are intended to act as redundant protection for a 10-foot wall of levees and 18-foot floodgates the Terrebonne Levee District is building from Pointe-aux-Chenes to Dularge called Morganza-to-the-Gulf.

Source: <http://www.dailycomet.com/article/20120718/ARTICLES/120719643/-1/APWORLD?p=1&tc=pg>

49. *July 17, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **Repairs completed on aqueduct along Erie Canal in DeWitt.** Repairs were completed on the aqueduct that sprung a leak along the Old Erie Canal path in DeWitt, New York, and the solution engineers devised should prevent a recurrence, New York State Canal Corp. officials said July 17. Workers pumped concrete into the hole that developed under the aqueduct and sealed the outside of it. The stone walls on either side of the canal were rebuilt, and the exterior of the aqueduct was then backfilled with stone and topsoil, and then seeded, an official with the Canal Corp. said. Workers also installed new fencing and finished the approaches on both sides of the pedestrian bridge, which was installed by the town. The leak occurred because the canal structure is old, said an official.

Source:

http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2012/07/repairs_completed_on_aqueduct.html

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